
Remarks/Arguments

Examiner Chacko-Davis is thanked for the thorough Office Action.

In the Claims

Claim 1 is amended to provide more proper antecedent basis and improved grammar. Amended claim 1, steps a) b) and c) are amended to provide proper antecedent basis. For support see claim 1, steps a) b) and c). See spec. p. 7 , L 12-15.

Claim 3 is amended to provide better grammar.

Claim 4 is amended to provide proper antecedent basis.

Claim 5 is amended to provide more proper antecedent basis.

Claim 6 is amended to provide proper grammar. Claim 6, sub-step (3) is amended. For support see figures 1, 3A, 3B and 3C. See spec. p. 9, L1 to p. 12, L 19.

Claim 8 is amended to provide better grammar.

Claim 9 is included in this listing and is currently amended.

Claims 9, 10 and 21 are amended to remove redundant limitations.

Claims 12, 14 15, 17-19 are canceled without prejudice. The cancelation of the claims does not imply anything or concede the patentability of the claims. The applicant is canceling the claims merely to accelerate the issuance of the allowable claims. The applicant urges that the 102(e) rejection is improper, at least, since the Lin patent US 7014962 (Lin et al.) SN 10/661,048, is not "by another". The applicant reserves the right the right to pursue the canceled claims and other claims via a continuation application.

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. These amendments are believed not to narrow the scope of any claim.

No new matter is believed to be added.

Claim rejections under 112

The rejection of Claim 14 is mute since the claim is canceled.

CLAIM REJECTIONS:

Rejection of Claims 12, 14, 15 and 17-19, under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 7,014,962 (Lin et al., hereinafter referred to as Lin).

The rejection of claims 12, 14, 15 and 17-19, under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 7,014,962 (Lin et al., hereinafter referred to as Lin) is acknowledged. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested in view of the following remarks.

The rejection is mute since claims 12, 14, 15 and 17-19 are canceled. The cancelation of claims does not imply anything or concede the patentability of the claims. The applicant is canceling the claims merely to accelerate the issuance of the allowable claims. The applicant urges that the 102(e) rejection is improper since the Lin patent US 7014962 (Lin et al.) SN 10/661,048, is not "by another". The applicant reserves the right the right to pursue these claims and other claims via a continuation application.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10, and 21, over the prior art of record over U. S. Patent No. 5,936,707 (Nguyen et al., hereinafter referred to as Nguyen) in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,482,554 (Matsunuma) is gratefully acknowledged. The claims may be allowable for reasons in addition to, or in lieu of those identified in the office action.

Claim 9 is patentable

Claim 9 depends from allowable parent claim 6 and is therefore patentable.
Claim 9 further contains additional patentable subject matter.

PENDING CLAIMS

It is believed that all the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper. The amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of the unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested. Allowance of all claims is requested. Issuance of the application is requested.

It is requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (215) 670-2455 should there be anyway that we could help to place this Application in condition for Allowance.

Extension of Time

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 is hereby made.

Charge to Deposit Account

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to apply any fees or credits in this case, which are not already covered by check or credit card, to Deposit Account No. 502018

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referencing this attorney docket. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fee under 37 CFR §1.16 and 1.17 to this Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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